GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2223
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
TENDERS FOR TELEPHONE LINES
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had floated tenders for telephone lines in the country particularly in Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the companies/contractors to whom contracts were awarded;

(d) whether the Government are aware that mass scale corruptions prevailed in Telecom Department regarding awarding of contracts;

(e) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Tenders were floated for telephone lines exchange equipment for the country including Karnataka and Maharashtra during 2000-2001.

(b) Total 5190000 exchange line equipment tenders were floated for the country during 2000-2001. Out of this the quantity allocated for Maharashtra is 588700 lines and for Karnataka 474240 lines.

(c) The details of the companies to whom tenders were awarded are given at Annexure-I.

(d) to (f): No Sir. However, when complaints of corruption regarding awarding of contracts are received from various sources, the same are investigated by the Department`s Vigilance Cell and action is taken against the guilty as per rules. Help of police/CBI is also taken wherever necessary.

Annexure I

Details of the companies to whom contracts are awarded:

1. M/s Keltron

2. M/s Instrumentation Limited

3. M/s Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizer Company Ltd.

4. M/s ITI Ltd.

5. M/s HTL Ltd.
6. M/s United Telecom Ltd.

7 M/s Punjab Communication Ltd.

8. M/s Crompton Greaves Ltd.

9. M/s Bharat Electronic Ltd.

10. M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
11. M/s Instrumentation Ltd. Kota
12. M/s Siemens India Ltd.
13. M/s Lucent Technology Hindustan Ltd.
14. M/s Alcatel India Limited